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By the Numbers

- 2,400 offenders are enrolled in education programs on any given day.
- 536 offenders earned a GED or HS diploma in fiscal year 2009.
- Education classes had over 8,400 offender enrollees during fiscal year 2009.
- Approximately 68% of offenders have a high school or GED diploma.
- 677 offenders completed a career/technical program in fiscal year 2009.
- The MN Department of Corrections ranks second among the 52 state Adult Basic Education consortia in number of student contact hours.

Updates: Education's Four Major Goal Areas

Literacy Improvement and Accountability

- ❖ The DOC Consortium continues to improve their ABE "report card" rankings in every category. Most notably, the percentage of ESL students achieving level gains increased from 24% in fiscal year 2007 to 51% in fiscal year 2009.
- ❖ A committee of teachers and administrators has embarked on a review of curriculum used by teachers of Beginning Level (Literacy 1) students in the DOC.

Post-Secondary Education

- ❖ The Partnership for Safer Communities, a higher education consortium made up of Augsburg College, St. Cloud State University and Riverland Community College, has developed a schedule of course offerings (correspondence and on-site) at our adult facilities. This successful collaboration of committed institutions provides students with a carefully planned roadmap of courses that meet AA degree requirements.

Juvenile Education

- ❖ Education and Information Technology collaborated on a successful initiative that allows students to take required MN Dept. of Education computer-based grad tests.
- ❖ Vocational programming has been expanded to include an Introduction to the Programmable Logic Controllers program. The program is in collaboration with South East Technical College and is funded through a federal Perkins grant.
- ❖ The Title 1 program has adopted a new curriculum that will allow more students to participate in the reading program.

Transition Success

- ❖ DOC ReEntry Services and the Department of Employment and Economic Development (DEED) collaborated to launch *MinnesotaWorks*, a computer-based service that allows employers and job seekers to find each other. *MinnesotaWorks* is a searchable jobs database, and is available in correctional facility transition centers. Offenders can view thousands of job listings, updated daily, from employers statewide. This new resource provides a dynamic new way for offenders to search for jobs prior to release.